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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

Sir:

This is in response to a Notice of Informal Patent Application received with the
Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on March 16, 2005.

REMARKS

The Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on March 16, 2005 includes a Notice of Informal Patent Application indicating that an inventor signature is missing on the Declaration. A telephone call with the Examiner confirmed that the signed Declaration of Stephen Robert is not included in the file at the USPTO. A copy of the Declaration signed by this inventor on December 3, 1998 and filed in the USPTO on December 17, 1998 is included herewith.

Also, both the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 3, 2005 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on March 16, 2005 contain a clerical error that omits Claims 35-44 from the list of allowed claims, which should be included in the renumbered Claims 1-38. Thus, the allowed claims should be 3, 5, 6, 23, 24, 7, 9, 10, 12-21, 25, 26, 22, 27-31 and 33-44, renumbered as Claims 1-38.

Respectfully submitted,

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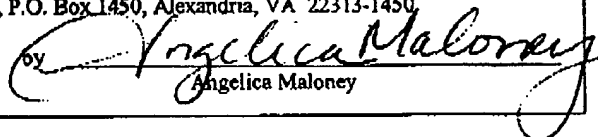
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